I. *A Letter from Mr.* James Yonge, *F. R. S. to Dr.* Hans Sloane, *S. R. Sec. concerning a Bunch of Hair voided by Urine.*

A Plethorick Woman about Fifty Years old, that uſed often to be afflicted with Nephritick Pains, employ'd me to relieve her the Nineth of *May* laſt. I found by the Purulency and Stench of her Urine, that ſhe had not only Stones and Gravel, but an Ulcer in one or both her Kidneys; and therefore gave her a Doſe of *Cantharides* with *Camphire* made into Pills, and follow'd it with plentiful Draughts of a ſlippery Emulſion. This made her piſs off abundance of blackiſh Gravel, and white thick Matter like Bird-Lime, without any Pain or ill Symptoms, and ſhe continued eaſie for a Week; then her Pains returned, and went off by the ſame Remedy. About Eighteen Days afterwards her Pain ſeeming to threaten a return, I repeated the Medicine; but that Night it gave her very great Pain in the ſide of her Belly, and at laſt threw her into Convulſions, which went off upon the Diſcharge of Urine, of a great deal of Matter, and in it a Bunch of ſhort Hair almoſt rotten: For ſome time after ſhe uſed a Nephritick Courſe, which hath hitherto preſerved her from the Return of Pain, Matter, Stones, and Impediment of Urine.

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I herewith ſend you a third part of that Bunch, which the laſt Doſe of *Cantharides* forced from her; and will make no Deſcants on it, but leave it to thoſe Learned Gentlemen before whom you ſhall lay it.

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I am Yours, &c.

James Yonge.